

Happy Veteran's Day Nov. 11th!!

Military Appreciation Day Events

National Guard
Volunteer Awards

Halloween Event Pictures

Operation Thanksgiving Eagle

Leah Jensen, daughter of
SSG Eric Jensen, poses at the
annual Halloween Trick or
Treat Event on October 31st
at RJB Armory, Bismarck.

Child & Youth Program Mission:

*Promote and sustain the quality of life and resilience of National Guard children & youth
by providing secure, timely, flexible, high-quality support services and enrichment programs.*

Halloween Trick or Treat Event

On October 31st, The North Dakota National Guard Child and Youth Program hosted the annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat Event for all Service Members and their Families at RJB Armory. Over 400 Military Families attended the event with children trick-or-treating at theme-decorated offices, playing games and posing for family photos. Thank you to all who attended and participated! More pictures can be viewed on Facebook and the ND National Guard's Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ndguard>



NDNG 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS



REMINDER:
There will be no
December Youth
Council meetings for
all locations.

NOVEMBER'S MEETING FOR
FARGO, BISMARCK & DEVILS LAKE

NDSU BISON FOOTBALL MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

SCHEDULE

8 am: Leave From Pick up Sites
8-11:15 am – Robotics
12:15-2 pm – Eat Smart, Play Hard Activities
3-6 pm: Game Time!
6-7 pm: Supper with Youth Council members
7-10 pm: Travel Back Home

For more information contact Beth or Jessi

FARGO YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
7 – 9 PM

Youth will be volunteering at the South Fargo
Ronald McDonald House
Please RSVP to Beth
701-451-6109 or beth.sandeen1@us.army.mil



Diane Hahn with Operation: Military Kids (OMK)
equips Fargo Youth Council members on how to
use OMK Mobile Tech Labs on Oct. 24th.

BISMARCK YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
7 – 8 PM
4-H BUILDING, BISMARCK

Youth will be planning upcoming
events and making paracord
bracelets as part of their
fundraising efforts.
Please RSVP to Cathy
701-221-6867 or
cathy.palczewski@us.army.mil

Family Processing

Deployment Exercise/Open House

Park and
Meet at the
Fitness Center

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Retirees and all area DOD military families!

You must be accompanied by an ID card Holder to be allowed on base

The CDC will be open for "Give Parent a Break"

Lots of Photo Opportunities

Tours (bus to location for processing),

Static Displays,

Agency Resources,

Mock Briefings,

Food, Drinks and More!

19 Nov.

10am -2pm

Grand Forks
Air Force Base
701-747-3242

**Don't forget
your camera!!**

Folding Strollers Only

Call 747-3242 with questions



New "Little Kids, Big Questions" Podcast Series Available

As more and more parents and professionals "plug in" for information on how to raise children, ZERO TO THREE is meeting the need with its new podcast series **Little Kids, Big Questions**, generously funded by MetLife Foundation.

While everyone seems to have an opinion about how to handle parenting challenges, this podcast series empowers listeners to find their own way through, using research as their guide.

Little Kids, Big Questions is a series of 12 podcasts with leading experts that translates the research of early childhood development into practices that mothers, fathers and other caregivers can tailor to the needs of their own child and family. To listen to or download the podcasts visit www.zerotothree.org/parentingpodcasts

Military Appreciation Night!

The Minnesota School of Business-Moorhead Campus would like to invite active military personnel, veterans, and their families to campus for:

*FOOD
*MASSAGES
*SPA TREATMENTS
*BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
*RESUME REVIEWS
*PET CARE DEMONSTRATIONS
*VARIOUS OTHER SEMINARS

These services are free to all military families, so please let us thank you for all you have done for our community!



**Thursday
November 10th
4:00-7:00 p.m.**



Moorhead Campus
2777 34th Street South
Moorhead, Minnesota
moorhead.msbcollege.edu



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VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.' As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd U.S. Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Teaching children about the significance of this holiday will deepen their appreciation of our nation's service members and veterans. Veterans' Day is the perfect opportunity to use fun activities to teach your children about the importance of this holiday.

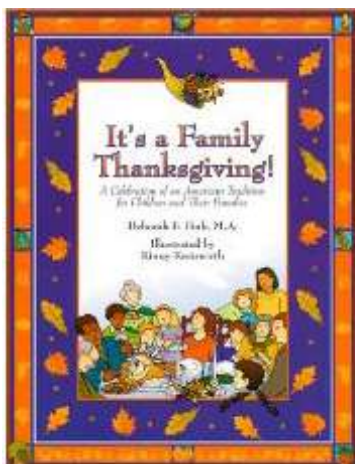
Here are just a few ideas to help children celebrate Veteran's Day:

- Teach your children about the history of Veterans Day by having them create a time line of events leading to the observance of the holiday.
- Have your children write short articles or essays of how veterans are honored around the world. Also, propose that your children interview local veterans and family members to learn about what it's like to serve in the U.S. military from the perspective of the service member.
- Have children draw a picture of Veterans Day, and what this holiday means to them. Military children can draw a picture of a parent who is currently deployed, or a relative who has served.
- Make a thank you card for veterans. Children can give this card to veterans that they know or to veterans who are listed through the local VA medical facility.
- Ask your children's teacher to invite veterans to their classroom.
- Veterans can discuss what it's like to serve in the military, and how important it is to observe this holiday. For the more ambitious, organize a school-wide program where veterans of all ages can visit and celebrate together at an assembly.



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OPERATION THANKSGIVING EAGLE



Operation Thanksgiving Eagle is a project to thank the children of the military for their daily sacrifices in the name of protecting America's freedom by providing free copies of Debbie Fink's children's activity book, titled It's a Family Thanksgiving! A Celebration of an American Tradition for Children and Their Families. This holiday workbook reminds us why we hold strong to our history, our heritage and our family traditions and how we draw strength and inspiration from our heroes and our heroines.

For more information on getting your free copy visit:

<http://www.ausa.org/RESOURCES/FAMILYPROGRAMS/OPTHANKSGIVINGEAGLE/Pages/default.aspx>

Save the Dates

**Coming Around Military Families
Duty to Care II
North Dakota National Guard**

**March 9, 2012
0800 – 1600**

**Holiday Inn
3803 13th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58103**



Nurturing America's Military Families

Offered in Fargo.....

A three-week series to strengthen the bonds of couples and families in the military.

Dates: Saturdays, Jan 21 and 28, and Feb 4, 2012

Time: 9:00 am - noon

Location: NDSU Alumni Center, 1241 N University Dr, Fargo

Cost: Free

Registration: Email diane.langer@ndsu.edu or call 701-241-5700




Be the most popular babysitter on the block!

*Take the American Red Cross
Babysitting Course*

**Saturday, December 3rd
Red Cross Office
2602 12th Street North
Fargo, ND 58102**

Registration fee regularly \$85. Thanks to a grant by Operation: Military Kids, the reduced fee for military children is **\$70**. Register with Beth today to reserve your spot. beth.sandeen1@us.army.mil 701-451-6109

National Guard Volunteer Awards 2012



"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers." ~ Terri Guilemets

The North Dakota National Guard Service Member & Family Support Division recognizes the importance of volunteers in the success of our program. There are many amazing volunteers in North Dakota that deserve plenty of recognition for all they have done to support our military, families, youth and communities.

If you know someone who fits in the following youth categories, I highly encourage you to nominate them. Nominations are accepted until **December 12, 2011**.

The Youth Volunteer Award – Presented to a National Guard Military Youth 15-17 years old who exhibits exemplary commitment to and support of the National Guard Family Programs. Need to show school and community involvement. The recipient will be invited to the National Guard Volunteer Youth Symposium. (1 recipient)

Youth Development Volunteer Award – Presented to an adult who has made a significant impact in the development and support of the youth program. (1 recipient)

Other categories include: Air/Army Guard Family of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Extra Mile Award (Retiree), Family Program Community Purple Award and The Gold Award.

The nomination packet will be available online for review on October 13th at www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/family. Questions can be directed to Justin Mattson, Senior Family Readiness Support Assistant, at 701-333-4805 or justin.d.mattson@us.army.mil

Winners of the 2012 Volunteer Award Program will be announced and awarded at a formal recognition ceremony.



White House Invites Military Kids to Submit Holiday Cards

The First Lady is asking military children from around the globe for some personal contributions to the finishing touches on the White House decorations this holiday season. The request is for military children to submit 5x8" handmade holiday cards with words of appreciation for their military parents, as well as pictures and drawings. The White House will display as many of the cards as possible.

Participants are asked to send holiday cards to the following address along with information from where they are sending it by

November 16, 2011:

Reservation 1
Attn: Social Office
PO Box 8070
Washington DC, 20032

Please spread the word to best advertise this opportunity for military children to express love, admiration and appreciation for their military parents this holiday season.

Thank a Veteran!

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